

**AGREEMENT:** The acceptance of the permit by the grantee constitutes an agreement that the movement will be made strictly in compliance with the terms set forth in the permit and the applicable provisions of the Department Policy contained in the current issue of the publication "OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT PERMIT MOVEMENTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS."

**JURISDICTION:** The permit is effective only insofar as the Department has jurisdiction and does not release the grantee from complying with other existing laws that may apply to the movement.

**LOCATIONS WHERE PERMIT IS NOT VALID:** The permit is not valid on any highway or bridge posted for a load limit less than the gross weight of the move, on any highway closed to traffic, and on any highway not maintained by the Department of Transportation. The permittee must obtain permission from the proper local authority to use local streets or highways or from the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority if over the Tollway.

**AUTHORIZED TIME OF MOVEMENT:** Movements are authorized from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset Monday through Friday, and from one-half hour before sunrise until noon, Saturday. Movements are further restricted on specified holidays, beginning at noon the day preceding the holiday or the holiday weekend. The specified holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Overweight permit loads with legal dimensions are allowed 24 hour a day, 7 day a week movement. Movement of Mobile Homes, Modular Sections and Storage Buildings greater than 14 feet 6 inches wide are limited to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, Monroe, St. Clair and Will.

**HIGHWAY CONDITIONS:** Move shall not be made when highway is covered with snow or ice.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** When visibility is unduly impaired by rain, snow, fog, smog or at any time travel conditions are considered to be unsafe by the Department of State Police, the police may direct or escort a vehicle off the roadway to a place of safety.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY DURING MOVEMENT:** Insofar as practicable, movements shall be confined to a single traffic lane and shall be made in such a manner that the rest of the roadway will be open at all times so the flow of other traffic will not unnecessarily be obstructed. Also, insofar as practicable, other traffic will be given the right-of-way over this movement. The driver shall remove the vehicle from the roadway when necessary to allow an accumulation of traffic to pass or when so directed by a police officer.

**SPEED:** Maximum speed shall be 45 m.p.h. on all permit movements or 5 m.p.h. above the minimum posted limit, **EXCEPT** when otherwise specified in the permit. Legal weight, legal height movements up to and including 10 feet wide are allowed to travel at the legal maximum speed limit

**OVERHEIGHT MOVEMENTS:** Height of structures shall be checked by grantee to insure that adequate clearance is available for the movement. Section 15-318, I.V.C. places liability for damage to structure upon the permittee.

**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIABILITY:** The grantee assumes all responsibility for injury to persons or damage to public or private property, including his own, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles or vehicles and objects authorized under this permit. The grantee agrees to hold the State of Illinois harmless from all suits, claims, damages or proceedings of any kind and to indemnify the State of Illinois for any claim it may be required to pay arising from the movement.

**HOUSETRAILERS:** The overall width of the housetrailer includes doorknobs, awnings or any other attachments. The towing unit of housetrailers over 8 feet but not more than 12 feet wide shall be at least a 1-ton truck with dual wheels. The towing vehicle of a housetrailer over 12 feet but not more than 14 feet 4 inches wide shall be at least a 2-ton truck with dual wheels. Movements of housetrailers over 12 feet wide is prohibited when wind gusts exceed 25 m.p.h.

#### Disclaimer

In issuing the permit for oversize movements, the Department has determined that posted clearances are greater at those points than the height or width of the vehicle and load stated to the department. However, due to variations in length of vehicles, inclines, curve radii and other road conditions and factors, the permittee cannot assume that the posted height or width is adequate for the movement. It is also the responsibility of the permittee, when not in conformance with Section 5/11-1203(a) of the Vehicle Code, to inspect all railroad grade crossings for clearance along the permitted route prior to a move. The permittee waives liability of the Department should posted height or width or railroad grade crossing clearance prove inadequate, assumes sole responsibility, and indemnifies the Department for damages.

#### ESCORTS:

- a. One civilian escort is required (1) for all moves that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in width **or** (2) for all moves that exceed 14 feet 6 inches in height. For loads greater than 14 feet 6 inches in height, the escort vehicle must be in front of the load and have a mounted pole set at 15 feet 3 inches to measure vertical clearance.
- b. Two civilian escort vehicles, one in front and one in rear, are required on all loads more than 14 feet 6 inches wide **and** 14 feet 6 inches in height. A pole for measuring vertical clearance shall be mounted and set at 15 feet 3 inches on the front escort vehicle.
- c. Requirements – The escort vehicle may be a passenger car, or a second division vehicle not exceeding a gross vehicle weight of 8,000 pounds that is designed to afford clear and unobstructed vision both front and rear. Escort vehicles shall display red flags at the extremities, display "OVERSIZE LOAD" signs, be equipped with an operating rotating or flashing amber light mounted on top, and be operated by properly licensed operators at least 18 years of age. The driver of the escort vehicle must be in radio contact with the driver of the permit vehicle.

**LIABILITY INSURANCE:** Vehicles with oversize loads exceeding 10 feet in width or 13 feet 6 inches in height must have in effect liability insurance or be self-insured in the minimum amount of \$500,000 per occurrence combined bodily injury and property damage.

**FLASHING OR ROTATING AMBER LIGHT:** All loads must display an operable oscillating, rotating or flashing amber light(s) when moving under oversize/overweight permit authority. If the load blocks visibility of the amber light(s) from the rear, a light must be displayed at the rear of the vehicle.

**OVERSIZE LOAD SIGNS:** OVERSIZE LOAD signs are mandatory on the front and rear of vehicles and loads over 10 feet wide, 14 feet-6 inches high, or 75 feet long.

**RED FLAGS:** The extremities of all oversize vehicles, vehicle combinations or loads, and all protruding objects shall be marked with clean red flags not less than 18 inches square.

#### RESTRICTIONS IN COOK COUNTY:

- a. Movements exceeding 10 feet in width, 13 feet 6 inches in height, and 88,000 pounds gross weight are prohibited on the expressways in Cook County, except interstate Route 80, Interstate Route 57 from U.S. Route 6 (159<sup>th</sup> Street) South, Illinois Route 394 from Interstate Route 80 South and Interstate Route 290 North of St. Charles Road and Illinois Route 53.
- b. Within the area bounded by U.S. Route 12/20, Illinois Route 50 (Cicero Avenue), Roosevelt Road, Central Avenue, Touhy Avenue and Lake Michigan that is in the City of Chicago and on expressways in Cook County north of Interstate Route 80 and east of Illinois Route 83, permit movements not exceeding 10 feet in width are authorized between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (until noon on Saturday). Movements exceeding 10 feet but less than 12 feet in width must be made between midnight and 6:00 a.m. Movements exceeding 10 feet in width and having an origin or destination within this area may travel during hours of darkness in Cook County for a distance of up to 20 miles outside the nearest boundary of this area.
- c. Contact should be made with the City of Chicago (312/744-4696) regarding permit requirements for movements on all streets and highways within the city other than the expressway.

**OBJECT TO BE MOVED:** This permit grants authority only for the operation of a vehicle, combination of vehicles or vehicles and load, specifically indicated in the application. Substitution of any vehicle or load will render the permit null and void. Along with the designated load, one additional nonspecified object may be transported provided the legal weight limits indicated on the face of this permit are not exceeded and the object is positioned so it is no more than 8 feet wide, 13 feet 6 inches high and the overall length of the vehicle combination and load does not exceed 60 feet.

If the permit is used for returning an overdimension empty vehicle special hauling combination from a prior delivery of an overdimension or overweight load for which a permit was obtained, one nonspecified object may be transported provided the legal weight limits indicated on the face of this permit are not exceeded and the object is positioned so it is no more than 8 feet wide, 13 feet 6 inches high and the overall length of the vehiclecombination and load does not exceed the overall length of the empty vehicle combination.